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Five Important Furniture Safety Tips

- 1) All freestanding wardrobes, cabinets, bookcases, hutches, armoires and entertainment centers, etc., should be anchored or tethered into a beam in the wall.
- 2) All drawers, including dresser drawers, should have locking devices. Small children may use the bottom drawers as steps which could cause the dresser to tip.
- 3) Television sets, VCRs/DVD players and stereo systems should be placed low to the ground with televisions placed as far back as possible.
- 4) Speakers should be anchored into a wall or beam.
- 5) Refrigerator doors, oven doors, as well as cabinets, should have

Dear Friend,

As a parent, I know just how much children like to play, and how common it is for young children to want to climb on furniture. Every day children play near furniture without a second thought, but this simple act can take a tragic turn if the furniture is not secured properly.

Earlier this year Bob and Judy Lambert of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania suffered a parents' worst nightmare when their three year-old daughter, Katie Elise, died when a bedroom wardrobe fell on top of her.

Sadly, Katie's death was not alone. Every year children are killed by falling furniture, and thousands more are injured.

Right now the Consumer Product Safety Commission issues voluntary guidelines to furniture manufacturers with recommendations of ways to make furniture safer. The commission also puts out tips to parents on ways they can prevent household furniture accidents.

These are very important steps, but they are not enough to keep our children safe.

locking devices. Children may use a door as a swing causing the appliance to tip.

(Tips courtesy of the Katie Elise Lambert Foundation)

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That is why I joined with Representative James McGovern (D-Mass.) on April 26 of this year to introduce a plan to improve furniture safety standards through simple, common-sense steps.

Our idea, the Katie Elise and Meghan Agnes Act, was named in honor of two young girls from our home states of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts who were tragically killed by falling furniture.

The Kate Elise and Meghan Agnes Act will ensure that the Consumer Product Safety Commission issue mandatory safety measures to prevent accidents associated with the tip over of furniture and electronic appliances.

By calling for the commission to issue these guidelines, we send a clear message to furniture manufactures that they must ensure that their furniture follows important and necessary safety guidelines that will help prevent furniture accidents.

We must do everything we can so that no other family will have to endure the same tragedy of the families of Katie Elise and Meghan Agnes. This bill is an important step towards that goal.

To stay updated on the Katie Elise and Meghan Agnes Act and other news from Washington, please be sure to sign up for my [newsletter](#).

Sincerely,

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